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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 6, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 6, 2004 and which has been extended, by the herein enclosed Request for Extension of Time, to expire on November 8, 2004 (November 6, 2004 being a Saturday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections together with an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application,.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.